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SUBJECT: FACIO REQUEST ON MID-EAST AND PALESTINE RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 255809 (NOTAL)

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO TODAY (NOVEMBER 21) AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. I GAVE HIM DETAILS OF SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH HE HAD NOT SEEN AND APPRECIATED.

2. FACIO IS WORRIED THAT VIOLENCE MAY BREAK OUT AT ANY TIME ON GOLAN HEIGHTS, AND HE CLEARLY THINKS THAT A PRE-EMPTIVE ATTACK BY ISRAEL IS NOT TO BE RULED OUT. (SINCE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR CALLED ON HIM SHORTLY BEFORE I DID--SEE PARAGRAPH 4 BELOW--THIS IS INTERESTING.) FACIO WENT ON TO SPECULATE ABOUT THE ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS GOLAN SITUATION FOR THE PROSPECTS OF FURTHER PROGRESS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, AND INDEED FOR THE WHOLE FRAMEWORK OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND A PSSSENING OF TENSIONS BETWEEN THE ARAB NATIONS AND THE WEST.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS PARTICULARLY SUSPICIOUS OF SOVIET MOTIVES AND ACTIONS IN ALL THIS, AND TWICE EXPPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE COMING SUMMIT MEETING IN VLADIVOSTOK WILL ADDRESS THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

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4. FACIO THEN GAVE ME A COPY OF A DRAFT
NON-ALIGNED NATIONS RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE WHICH
HE RECEIVED FROM THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR. ACCORDING TO
FACIO THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE
UNGA AND IS ALMOST SURE TO PASS ALTHOUGH
COSTA RICA WILL VOTE AGAINST IT. THE DRAFT, WHICH IN
FACIO'S VIEW IS EXTREMELY ARTFUL, INVOKES THE RIGHT OF
SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE,
RECOGNIZES THEIR RIGHT "TO ATTAIN THEIR RIGHTS BY ALL MEANS
AT THEIR DISPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSES AND
PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER," REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL
TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE PLO, AND CALLS FOR
THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE 30TH UNGA ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION.

5. FACIO WOULD WELCOME CLOSE CONSULTATION ON THE
EMERGING MIDDLEEAST SITUATION, INCLUDING OUR VIEWS
ON SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION. I HOPE THAT WE CAN KEEP
HIM INFORMED HERE OR IN NEW YORK.

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